

INTRODUCTION:

- 1) TODAY WE WILL CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF UNDERSTANDING GENRES BY LOOKING AT *OLD TESTAMENT LAW*

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) THE MOST DIFFICULT QUESTIONS
- 2) SALVATION UNDER THE OLD COVENANT AND THE NEW
- 3) THREE TYPES OF OLD TESTAMENT LAWS

PART 1 – THE MOST DIFFICULT QUESTIONS:

Q 1) WHAT ARE THE TWO MOST DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO INTERPRETING THE OLD TESTAMENT?

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PART 2 – SALVATION UNDER THE OLD COVENANT AND THE NEW:

Q 2) HOW MANY BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT ARE BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE LAW?

Q 3) HOW MANY BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT CONTAIN WRITTEN LAWS?

Q 4) WHAT WAS THE BASIS OF GOD'S RELATIONSHIP TO ISRAEL?

GOD SET ASIDE THE OLD COVENANT AND CREATED A NEW ONE...

7 For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. 8 But God found fault with the people and said: "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. 10 This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 11 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." 13 By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

—Hebrews 8:7-13

14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

—Romans 6:14

16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

—John 1:16-17

11 Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith."

—Galatians 3:11

3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

—Galatians 5:3-4

4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

—Romans 10:4

Q 5) WHAT IS OUR COVENANT WITH GOD?

Q 6) WHAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE BASIS OF HUMANITY'S SALVATION?

Q 7) WHERE ARE THE LAWS WRITTEN ACCORDING TO THE NEW COVENANT?

Q 8) HOW DO WE FULFILL GOD'S LAWS AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES?

Q 9) WHAT KIND OF TRUTH DOES THE NEW COVENANT REVEAL?

PART 3 – THREE TYPES OF OLD TESTAMENT LAWS:

Q 10) WHAT DID THE CEREMONIAL LAWS PERTAIN TO?

Q 11) WHAT DID THE TWO GROUPS OF CIVIL LAWS PERTAIN TO?

Q 11) WHAT ARE ETERNAL AND UNIVERSAL, TIMELESS AND TRUE FOR ALL PEOPLE?

PART 4 – WRAPPING UP:

Type of Law	Examples	Length of Time	Purpose
1. Ceremonial Laws about religious rites	Laws about sacrifices, priests, the tabernacle, holy days, feasts, fasts, cleansing, and circumcision	Temporary	To prepare people for Christ's coming To give us illustrations of spiritual truths
2. Civil A. Laws against practices of unholy, pagan neighbors: Canaanites B. Laws about relating to holy, Jewish neighbors	Laws about food and farming Laws about penalties, slavery, marriage, war, judges, and courts	Temporary Temporary	To keep God's people separate from pagan worship and customs To explain what God said was just and fair. These illustrate moral truths
3. Moral (Ethical) Laws about right and wrong	Ten Commandments; Love your neighbor; Do not seek revenge	Eternal	To give us eternal, moral laws that do not change. The NT repeats moral laws of the OT

Moral commandments	Leviticus 19	James
Do not steal.	19:11	5:4
Do not lie.	19:11	4:11
Do not deceive one another.	19:11	4:11
Do not swear falsely.	19:12	5:12
Do not defraud/rob your neighbor.	19:13	5:12
Do not pervert justice.	19:15	5:6
Do not show partiality.	19:15	2:1
Judge your neighbor fairly.	19:15	5:6
Do not go about spreading slander.	19:16	3:9
Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge.	19:18	2:13
Love your neighbor as yourself.	19:18	2:8

